

# Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland

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# MDOT SHA's Roles

- Connecting you and your communities to life's opportunities
- Encouraging and developing a safe, multimodal transportation network for all users
- Operating and maintaining Maryland's non-tolled numbered highways
- Planning and constructing capital improvements
- Facilitating use of federal surface transportation funding throughout Maryland

# MDOT SHA in 2020

- Challenges of operating during a pandemic
  - Highway traffic down 52% at peak in April, 16% in October
  - Revenue down – \$900 million cut to capital funding
- “Benefits” of operating during a pandemic
  - With traffic down, MDOT SHA was able to deliver key projects on or ahead of schedule
- Now time to assess, adjust, plan, recover, and stabilize

# Keeping the Momentum Going

- Formal process
  - Transportation priorities letters
  - Local comprehensive planning
- Informal process
  - Keep doing what you're already doing
  - Western Maryland has well-organized advocacy groups and established lines of communication with MDOT
  - This level of partnership and coordination is not typical throughout Maryland and pays dividends

# Ongoing Investments

# Allegany County

- \$30 million in active bridge construction
  - MD 36 Jennings Run Bridge, Mount Savage
  - Kreighbaum Road Jennings Run Bridge, Corriganville
  - MD 51 CSX Bridge, Cumberland
- \$4.5 million MD 135 slope stabilization project
  - Will reduce road closures due to rockfalls

# Garrett County

- US 219 North
  - \$63 million project to realign and dualize US 219 between I-68 and Old Salisbury Road
- US 219 at Mosser Road
  - \$4.2 million project including left-turn lanes, acceleration and deceleration lanes, sidewalk, *and* new crosswalk across US 219
- Wilson Run Culvert, Oakland
  - \$1.7 million project to reconstruct culvert in front of Pizza Hut and Sheetz

# Washington County

- I-81 Widening
  - \$105 million project to add a third lane in both directions between US 11 in West Virginia and MD 63/MD 68 in Williamsport
- I-70 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - \$38 million project to reconstruct four bridge decks over MD 65 and over the CSX Hagerstown Branch
- US 40 Sidewalks, Hagerstown
  - \$2.4 million project to upgrade sidewalk connections between Cannon Street and Eastern Boulevard



# Thank you!



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